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Jails

Number of prisoners sent to Andamans.

*1963 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prisoners—volunteer convicts and others—sent to the Andamans for colonization in each of the years from the time the colonization was started;

(b) how many of them, if any, died in each year and from what disease or diseases in general; and

(c) what the present strength is?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know why the Government have got no information as to the volunteer convicts and others sent to the Andamans for colonization?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because the exact number is not with the Government. It is with the Inspector-General and other officers."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" (I believe they also serve under this Government.) May I know whether Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Dietary charges for the non-Indian prisoners

*1964 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the dietary charges for each of the non-Indian prisoners including Anglo-Indians in jails per month on an average; and

(b) the dietary charges for each of the others per month?

A.—(a) About Rs. 13-3-7.
(b) About Rs. 4-13-6.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" With reference to clause (b), the expenditure is shown to be Rs. 4-13-6. In the other case it is Rs. 13-3-7. Seeing there is such a disparity between the two items, will the hon. the Law Member take steps to increase the charges for that class?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It depends on the habits of the class."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know what the difference is due to—spending Rs. 13-3-7, almost three times the amount, on non-Indian prisoners and only Rs. 4 and odd on Indian prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It is due to the habits of life to which they are accustomed."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Does the figure Rs. 4-13-6 bear any proportion to the habits of the prisoners before they were convicted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know if the Government have come to a conclusion that the average Indian who gets into the jail spends only Rs. 4-13-6?"